

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on July 26, 2004, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Prior to this paper, claims 10, 12, 16-17, and 19-31 were pending, with claims 16, 19-22 and 26-27 being withdrawn from prosecution. By this paper, Applicants add claims 32-34. Therefore, claims 10, 12, 16-17, and 19-34 are now pending.

Election of Species

Applicants hereby elect species A, Markush group member "Pt," species D, species E, species G, and species I.

Claims 10, 12, 16, 17, 19-25 and 28-34 are readable on species A.

Claims 10, 12, 16, 17, 19-25 and 28-34 are readable on the elected Markush group member "Pt."

Claims 10, 12, 16, 17, 19-25 and 28-34 are readable on species D.

Claims 10, 12, 16, 19-25, 28-29 and 32-34 are readable on species E.

Claims 10, 12, 16, 17, 19-25 and 28-34 are readable on species G.

Claims 10, 12, 16, 17, 19-25 and 28-34 are readable on species I.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species upon allowance of any claim that is generic. Currently, at least claims 10, 12, 16, 19-25, 28-29 and 32-34 are generic to the elected species/elected Markush group member.

Applicants request that the withdrawn claims that ultimately depend from claim 10 be rejoined and allowed upon the allowance of claim 10.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

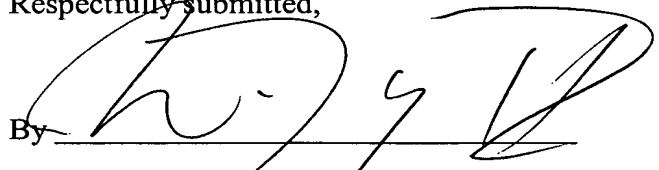
Examiner Palabrica is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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